a profit of about Rs. 94 lakhs which was later on shown as Rs. 1·20 crores through a press statement issued on the 31st March, 1989;

(b) whether after final audit, the profit declared for 1988-89 was only Rs. 75 lakhs in spite of production having reached record levels as against Rs. 2·32 crores in 1986-87;

(c) whether the overtime allowance sanctioned to workers during 1988-89 is an all time record; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) BWEL had initially anticipated a profit of Rs. 94 lakhs only. However, later as per the provisional figures, the estimated net profit excluding interest on Government loan was reported as Rs. 1·30 crores.

(b) The process of Audit for 1988-89 is still on. The profitability would have been better but for reduction in BOXN Wagons price by the Railway Board during this period.

(c) and (d) Overtime is resorted to as a temporary measure to meet the exigencies of work like sudden spurt in work absenteeism, etc.

Agreement for the supply of Maruti cars to Yugoslavia

2395. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was arrived at with Yugoslavia for the supply of 300 LHD Maruti cars;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a lot of 180 such cars was sent to Kandla Port for despatch to Yugosalvia without opening L.C. and that the vehicles are still lying at the Port;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another lot of 80 vehicles despatched for Kandla Port was recalled from mid-way and that because of the delay in the execution of the order, the contract has been cancelled;

(d) if so, what is the total cost of the vehicles manufactured for supply to Yugoslavia the expenditure incurred by Government in the transportation of these vehicles to Kandla and recalling the lot from mid-way besides maintenance of the vehicles lying at Kandla Port; and

(e) what action has been taken against the concerned officials for the negligence in opening of L.C. before execution of the order and also the manner in which the vehicles are proposed to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 120 cars were transported by Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) to Kandla Port for export to Yugoslavia prior to the opening of L/C. as inland transportation starts 2-4 weeks prior to shipment depending on the size of the lot. The balance 180 cars were held back at the factory premises because L/C was not opened.

(d) The vehicles will shortly be exported to another country. No extra expenditure has been incurred

on transportation excepting some expenditure on repair and maintenance of these vehicles.

(e) No action is called for, as there was no negligence on the part of the concerned officials.

Israel's industrial tie-ups with Indian firms

2396. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has shown interest regarding industrial tie-ups with Indian firms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the period 1984 to June, 1989 no foreign collaboration approval involving Israel has been given.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Indo-French Centre in New Delhi

2397. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-French Centre for advanced studies in industrial economics has been set up in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what will be the main purpose of this unit and to what extent it will help in improving industrial development in tne country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) According to available information an attempt is being made to set up a Centre jointly by Indian Institute of Industrial Economics and the French Institute of Higher Management for the development of expertise for industrialisation in the third world countries.

Supply of LPG at Subsidised Rates

2398. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation Limited issued LPG cylinders at subsidised rates to the various societies/trusts registered as charitable institutions under the Societies Act or under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950;

(b) if so, what are the names and addresses of such societies/trusts in the countries which have been granted such facility as on the 31st March, 1988 and the rate at which LPG cylinders are being supplied to them; and

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this facility to the Committees/Bodies for their community kitchens governed under the provisions of Religious endowments Act, 1963 in the near future ; if so, by when and if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The time and labour involved in collection of information from all the Area offices of IOC may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.